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Intense Lobbying for plum Cabinet berths

CM Yediyurappa under pressure from miffed BJP seniors wanting to be Ministers

Bengaluru, Feb. 3 (KMS& BCT)- Intense lobbying has began for plum Cabinet portfolios just hours after Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa announced yesterday that his six-month-old Cabinet will be expanded on Thursday, Feb. 6.

Several leaders are making a beeline to the CM's Dhavalagiri residence in Bengaluru's Dollar's Colony to seek crucial portfolios and sources close to Yediyurappa say that the CM was under severe pressure. While on the one hand, he has to placate the Cabinet aspirants from BJP and 11 disqualified MLAs who have now won the by-election with BJP ticket, on the other hand, he has to prepare for the State Budget on March 5.

B.S. Yediyurappa

The CM has announced that 13 Ministers would be inducted into the Cabinet at 10.30 am on Feb. 6. While the 13 probable Ministers are lobbying hard for plum portfolios, the existing Ministers are tactically pressurising to retain important Ministries. The "10+3" means 10 members who crossed over to the BJP and won in the by-elections and three BJP old-timers.

Jarkiholi factor

The lobby headed by Belagavi strongman Ramesh Jarkiholi, who sowed the seeds to topple the JD(S)-Congress Government, wants Yediyurappa to induct all the 17 MLAs (who resigned from the coalition government) stage-by-stage. He has made it clear that even defeated by-election candidates Adagooru H. Vishwanath and M.T.B. Nagaraj must be made Ministers.

Added, the Jarkiholi lobby is pressurising the CM to allocate plum portfolios like PWD, Revenue, Water Resources, Irrigation and Power to the disqualified MLAs who have been re-elected now. Meanwhile, this morning, M.T.B. Nagaraj and Vishwanath met Yediyurappa at Dhavalagiri. Sources said that while an assurance has been given to Nagaraj that he will be made an MLC and later a Minister in June, no such assurance has been given to Vishwanath, sources added.

CM has to maintain balance

Currently there are 18 Ministers including the Chief Minister in the Cabinet that has a sanctioned strength of 34. According to sources, among those who are strongly lobbying for the posts are former Minister and senior legislator Umesh Katti, former Minister R. Shankar and M.T.B. Nagaraj.

Though there is a strong word within the party circles that Umesh Katti is most likely to be considered during the expansion, sources said, it needs to be seen how Yediyurappa will maintain a balance, as his addition would increase the number of Ministers from Belagavi district to four.

(See LOBBYING on page 9)

Stone quarrying ban slows down construction industry

Question is what is important — Safety of KRS or the growth of construction industry? Government must find alternative sources.

Mandya, Feb 3 (UNI)- The blanket ban on stone quarrying in the vicinity of Baby Betta in Pandavapura Taluk has slowed down the construction industry in Mysuru, Mandya and Kodagu. The ban, has however, brought cheers to farmers and environmentalists who had upped the ante against stone mining due to the possible threat to Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam which is just 11 kilometres away from the quarry.

The Mandya District Administration had banned stone quarrying and any sort of blasts within the 20-kilometres area around KRS Dam, following a report from Karnataka State Natural Disasters Monitoring Committee (KSNDMC).

The report submitted by KSNDMC indicates imminent threat to the KRS Dam due to high-intensity quarry blasts and the resultant ground vibrations. It had recommended the administration to check damages and fractures in the Dam structures in the wake of blasts.

A file photo of stone quarrying.

Following the ban, there is a complete halt on any mining activity at Baby Betta Kaval, Baby Betta Amruth Mahal Reserve Area, Bannangadi, Chinakurali, Anaganahalli, Kannambadi, Honaganahalli, Bastipura, Beechanakuppe, Avverahalli and surrounding areas in Mandya and Pandavapura.

The construction industry in Mysuru, Mandya, and Kodagu districts is largely dependent on the stone extraction units near Srirangapatna and Pandavapura taluks in the district for Manufactured Sand (M-Sand) and gravel. The ban has come into force in the entire district, which has around 36 quarries. The quarry owners have been warned that non-compliance on their part will lead to criminal charges against them.

M-Sand is artificial sand, manufactured from crushed stone. It is widely seen as the best natural resource for construction. The lack of availability of river sand has led the construction industry to use M-Sand as an alternative. Thus, the ban order is negatively affecting the construction industry, said a quarry operator.

(See QUARRYING on page 8)

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Mysuru, Monday 3rd February 2020

Yoke on *youth's* mind

Given the often made statement by seasoned and informed writers that the nation's youth in the age bracket of 25 to 37 years account for half its population and a steadily increasing number unemployed in that section despite years of schooling at considerable cost, their *massive presence* in crowds assembled at venues of speeches by politicos and road shows under the aegis of a multitude of outfits pursuing causes that are generally outside the agenda of the Government is a common sight. Unrest in families, disturbed environment in society, chaotic scenes across the country and a growing mass of disenchanted citizens as mute witness to the goings on around them, clueless on their role in bringing order in life, even as criminal and fraudulent acts of people showing no signs of abating are hitting the headlines of dailies of all hues and telecast times of television news-centred channels. The country's urban spaces are hosting a steadily rising number of males and females, armed with degrees and diplomas in a multitude of subjects, some taking up odd jobs on their own volition and the rest shuffling from pillar to post in search of employment, but to no avail. The land's self-appointed political leaders have treated this growing mass as their *prey*, burdening the youth virtually as yoke on their shoulders.

Sociologists have inferred that even within families, traditionally considered safe places, youngsters are finding themselves at odds with their elders. Not realising the fallout of holding on to the coat-tails of politicians, attracted by their rhetoric, the country's youth including the rustics, are heading for a bleak future, much like the rats that followed the pied piper of Hamelin.

The country's eligible voters are hearing clarion calls from many quarters to exercise their franchise as a sacred duty. The elected representatives, barring some exceptions, seem to have made a mockery of the sacredness of the duty, by betraying the trust reposed in them by the people. The view expressed by a psychologist points to the youth drawn to the road shows to protest the actions of the Government may not have the necessary perception of dealing with the consequences of their wasted energy. Further, psychologists have observed traumatic stress in the youth who impulsively took part in protests bugging the youths mentally, giving credence to the verdict attributed to India's industry sources that a majority of educated youth are not employable.

The ongoing retarded progress of the country's economy merits to be seen as a God-send opportunity to wean away the misled youth back to economically productive pursuits, in the backdrop of pundits hailing the educated boys and girls as the nation's human capital. The top brass in the Government owe it to the country's youth for unburdening the young minds from the yoke of protests in anger. Action to save the youth and marshal their skills and energy cannot be postponed under any circumstances.

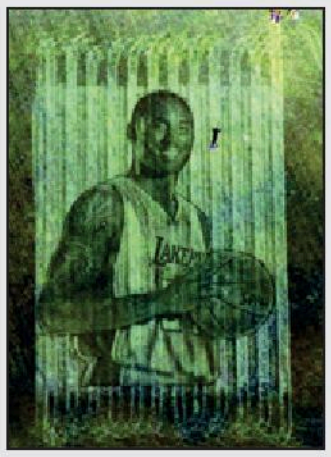
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Why did you substantially lower the food and fertiliser subsidies? It is high time this country understands the level of fatigue the land has reached because of excessive chemical fertiliser usages. Today, consumers too prefer organic food. They don't want overly fertiliser-driven crop. Incentivisation of fertiliser use is more towards chemical fertiliser rather than organic fertiliser. That correction is required.

— Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

GPS-guided lawn mower creates tribute to Kobe Bryant



California: A tribute to LA Lakers legend Kobe Bryant, who lost his life in a helicopter crash has managed to catch a lot of attention because it was visible only from high up in the sky.

Kelli Pearson and her husband, Pete Davis, run New Ground Technology, a company that specialises in creating high-definition imagery on living grass, and they recently showcased their services with a beautiful portrait of Kobe Bryant. The 115-foot tall and 92-foot wide mural was executed by the company's patented Turfprinter technology in a grass field. The image of Kobe Bryant was loaded into a lawn mower-type machine that uses GPS coordinates to move around, blowing air to gently bend the grass blades to make up the dark and light contrast. The technology uses no paint and doesn't cut the grass.

Woman seeks divorce from husband who rarely bathes

Hajipur: A 20-year-old woman has filed for divorce from her husband, claiming that was stinking too bad, because he only bathed once every 10 days.

Soni Devi, from Hajipur in Bihar's Vaishali district, filed an application for divorce on grounds that her husband did not maintain proper hygiene. In her divorce application, Soni Devi wrote that her husband hardly bathed or brushed his teeth and didn't follow any social etiquette rules.

Members of the State Women's Commission (SWC) decided to give the couple a two-month ultimatum to solve their differences before referring their case to Family Court. The woman's husband, Manish Ram, said that he would try his best to improve his lifestyle.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much sugar can I eat per day?

According to the American Heart Assn., men should take in no more than 9 TSP of sugar in a day. Women: 6 TSP. Fruit sugar is allowed in larger quantities because the sugar comes with fibre, which moderates glucose in the bloodstream.

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Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Feb.3- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Economics to **H.S. Umesha** for his thesis 'An Economic Analysis of the Pattern of Domestic Household Savings in Karnataka with Particular Reference to Mandya District' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.C. Neelakanta.

S. Dilip Nithin Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Kannada Dalita Kathasaahitya: Aksharastha Dalitara Tallanagalu' [Guide: Dr. C.D. Parashurama].

K. Usha Rani has been awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology by UoM for her thesis 'Heritage Tourism in Karnataka with Special Reference to Tourism in Srirangapatna' [Guide: Dr. N.S. Rangaraju].

N. Harisha has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the Tumkur University for his thesis 'Economic and Environmental Impact of Tourism: A Study of Coastal Karnataka' [Guide: Prof. Jayasheela].

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.3- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Feb.4 from 10 am to 5 pm at areas coming under Bannimantap Power Distribution Centre: Bannimantap 'A' Layout, C.V. Road, Bhavana Marbles Road, Tipu Circle, B.B. Kere, Mandi Mohalla and Pulikeshi Road. **Vajamangala Power Distribution Centre:** Bhugathagalli, Chikkahalli, Choranahalli, Yandalli, Varuna, Dandikere, Mosambayanahalli, Janthagalli, Sajjehundi, Kempegowdanahundi, Badagalahundi, Mudalahundi, Pillahalli, Hosakote, Morarji Desai Residential School, Puttegowdana Hundi, Chettanahallipalya, ATME College, Bannur Road and nearby areas.

Really...?

- ***Unconsolidated or sand wells are drilled into a formation consisting of soil, sand, gravel or clay material that collapses upon itself.***
- ***There's a brain condition that gives you an uncontrollable urge to make puns. If you've damaged the right frontal lobe of your brain, you can develop Witzelsucht, which is German for "joke addiction". The condition causes a compulsive need to constantly make up or tell jokes even in the middle of the night or during an important interview.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

What's the difference between a jeweller and a jailer?

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1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.21
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1 Euro	= Rs. 79.34

VOICE OF THE READER

Malafide disconnection of electricity to honest Apartment Owners

Sir,

There are 40 apartments at *Sankalpmahal Apartment* Complex on Lalitha Mahal Road. Around five owners have locked their apartments and live outside Mysuru city. As a result, there is a due of Rs. 15,000 towards their electricity bills. But the residents of the remaining 35 apartments have been very punctual in paying their electricity bills.

On Jan. 30 around 11 am, the CESC staff at Siddarthanagar Office disconnected power from the main transformer cutting off power supply to the entire Complex saying that unless we pay the balance Rs. 15,000 due power supply will not be restored.

Now the moot point is, on whose authority and rules the CESC staff can deprive power supply to the 35 apartments and the entire *Sankalpmahal* common area who have been paying their electricity bills on time?

It is quite understandable if the CESC staff had stopped power supply to the five defaulting apartments. This has caused untold misery and inconvenience to many senior citizens who could not use the Lift due to our generator being under repair.

Only after we spoke to the AEE Yogesh, power supply was restored.

Again after restoring power, the CESC officials have been threatening to disconnect power supply to the entire Apartment Complex if the balance due is not paid within next 3-4 days. While the Apartment Association can only request these defaulting owners to pay up their dues at the earliest we do not have any legal power to force them to pay up.

We request the CESC through *SOM* to immediately instruct the staff at Siddarthanagar not to disconnect power to bill-paying residents of 35 apartments.

— **K.C. Biddappa,** President,
Sankalpmahal Apartment
Owners Association
Lalitha Mahal Road 1.2.2020

NOTE: *This is like the Kannada proverb "ಎತ್ತಿಗೆ ಜ್ವರ ಬಂದರೆ ಎಮ್ಮೆಗೆ ಬರೆ" (if the bull gets fever, why give bitter medicine to the buffalo?). A case of holding the honest to ransom to collect dues from the dishonest or the defaulters. There is neither natural justice nor legal justice. It is a case of audacity of power, official power!*

I know of Government Officers (honourable exceptions apart) who deal with companies and factories filing Court cases for reasons best known to them. You guessed it.

It is, therefore, not surprising that our Supreme Court Chief Justice of India had recently made an ***obiter dictum*** *saying in another context, "While tax evasion was injustice to fellow Indian citizens, arbitrary or excessive taxation resulted in social injustice by a Government."*

—KBG

India becomes a Republic: Well-researched article

Sir,

The feature article titled ***"India becomes a Republic"*** in two parts by city's well-known doctor Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, is a very well-researched article (*SOM* dated Jan. 24 and 25).

Readers like me, who were born after India attained independence know very little about inside stories involving many of our *netas!* Unfortunately, only one family's role is projected most and several large number of leaders who sacrificed their everything was never published. Thus, most of the historical facts we know today are not complete.

Dr. Murthy has penned down the other side of the story of independent India wonderfully. Thank you doctor for all your efforts.

—MRG Murthy

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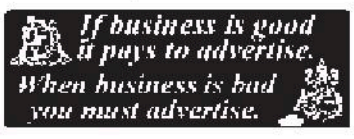


Union Budget analysis by CII Mysuru Chairman

Mysuru, Feb. 3- "Like previous budgets, there were no big bang announcements in this year's Union budget. The Government has done well to categorise its priority areas at a high level under agriculture, economic development and education and then further sub-divide each of these as action plans," said Bhaskar Kalale, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru.

Kalale

He was reacting to the Union Budget-2020 at the Budget Conclave held at SDM-IMD in city yesterday.

Kalale mentioned that, "It is also heartening that Government is sticking to its earlier plan of doubling farmer's income by 2022 and thereby increasing domestic demand for goods and services. Some highlights were incentives for start-ups, concessions for MSMEs, plans to set up electronic manufacturing, expansion of Government eMarketplace, emphasis on using technology such as Artificial Intelligence, analytics, machine learning, electronic refunds, etc. — which are all good structural changes."

For the individual tax-payers, reduction in tax rates and increase in insurance coverage for their deposits should boost consumer sentiments.

On the education and skill development areas, there is adequate schemes to skill our youths, including the ones who go abroad looking for job opportunities such as nurses, para-medics and care givers, he said.

Workshop on Business Research Methodology held

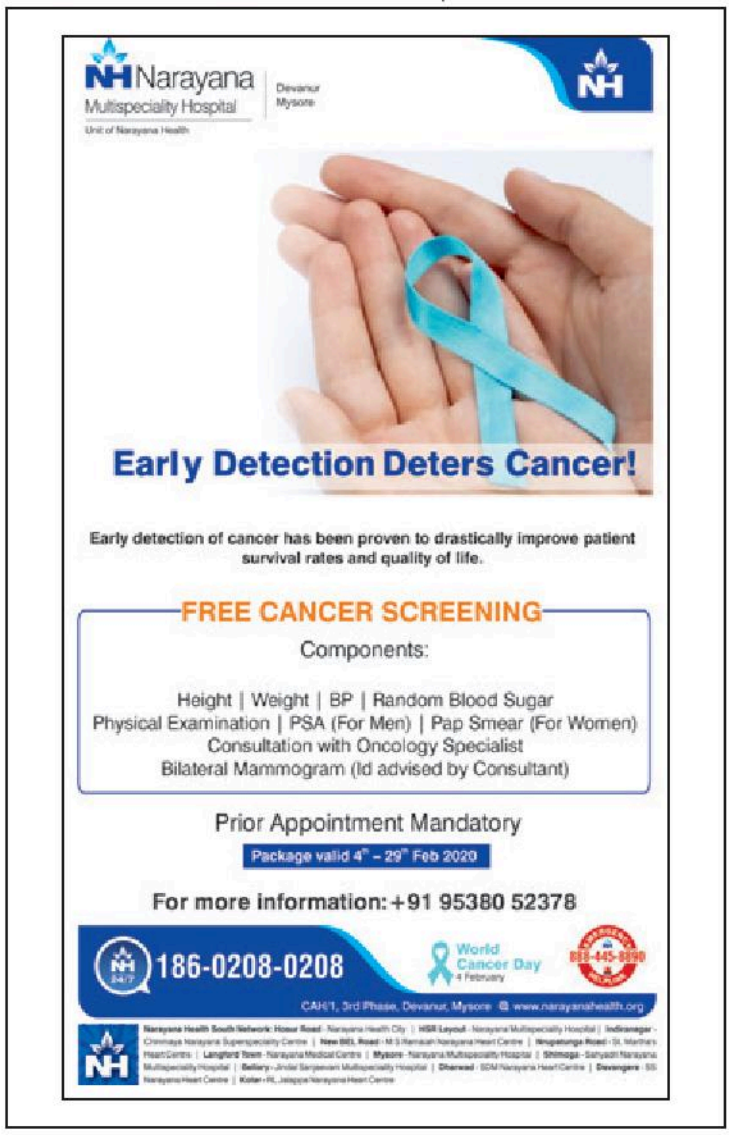
Mysuru, Feb. 3- Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions, Kuvempunagar, conducted a one-day University-level workshop on "Business Research Methodology" at the College auditorium in city recently.

University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K. Mahadevan inaugurated the workshop. UoM Commerce Faculty Dr. K. Nagendra Babu was the guest of honour. Institutions Chairman M.K.Kuttappa presided.

The workshop was conducted in three sessions. First session was handled by Dr. R. Jagadeesh, Professor and Head, Department of Studies in Business Administration (MBA), SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (PG Wing), Mysuru; 2nd session by Dr. B. Mahadevappa, Professor of Commerce, Post Graduate Centre, Hemagangothri, UoM and 3rd session by Dr. S.J. Manjunath, Faculty, B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences, UoM.

The workshop had 300 participants including academicians, research scholars, PG and UG students.

Institution Hon. Treasurer M.B. Aiyappa, Vice-Chairman M.M. Ponnappa, Special Advisor Prof. K.C. Belliappa, Kodava Samaja President K.M. Belliappa and Cauvery First Grade College Principal K.M. Padvamavathi were present.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NEWS BRIEFS

Skill Evaluation: Entries invited

Department of Industrial Training and Employment has invited entries from candidates in the age group of 18 to 35 years from the district for skill evaluation camp 'Yuva Kaushalya.' For registration visit, www.koushalkar.com or call Ph: 0821-2489972, Mob: 98444-91522.

Mudukuthore Jathra

Mudukuthore Jathra at Sri Mallikarjunaswamy Temple in Mudukuthore, T. Narasipur taluk underway from Jan. 28 will conclude on Feb. 13. Rathotsava will be held on Feb. 4, Theppotsava on Feb. 7 and Basavamale on Feb. 17.

Calling Sportspersons

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has invited entries from sportspersons for admission to sports schools and hostels. The selection will be held on Feb. 3 for juniors (8th standard) and on Feb. 4 for seniors (1st PUC) at Chamundi Vihar Stadium. For details call Ph: 0821-2564179.

Last date extended

Last date has been extended for submission of online applications through State Scholarship Portal SSP (ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in). Interested students are requested to submit their applications before Feb. 15 and are requested to seed their Aadhaar along with their bank. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2520910, according to a release by Deputy Director, Taluk Social Welfare Department.

Seminar on GST

CREDAI Mysuru is organising a free seminar on the 'Impact of GST on Joint Development' at Hotel Roopa Elite, V.V. Mohalla, on Feb. 6 at 5 pm. GST Department officials and professionals will address the seminar. Real estate builders, developers, chartered accountants, advocates, architects, housing finance companies and banks may benefit from the seminar. The seminar is open to all.

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Veerappan aide arrested after 27 years of hiding

Police got clues about her after she opened fire at an elephant herd

Kollegal, Feb. 3 (SS&BCT)- A woman associate of forest brigand Veerappan was arrested by Kollegal Crime Branch Police in Chamarajanagar District on Saturday, 27 years after she was booked under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA). Forty-year-old Stella alias Stella Mary had been absconding since 1993. She has now been sent to judicial custody.

Stella Mary

Mary is the wife of Veluswamy of Jageri. She and her second husband had rented land and were cultivating sugarcane. Police got definite information about Stella, a resident of Nallur village in Kollegal Rural Police limits, while investigating an attack by wild elephants on her sugarcane field recently.

She had opened fire to drive the elephants away but it caused in a minor fire. When Police inquired on how she could operate the gun, Stella Mary revealed about her past involvement with the Veerappan gang. She told the Police that she had joined the brigand's gang when she was 14 years old and was in the gang for two years. She was hiding since 1993. She remarried following the death of Velayan.

"She is facing three cases under TADA related to the Palar bomb explosion, attack on Ramapura Police station and illegal transportation of arms," said Chamarajanagar SP H.D. Anand Kumar, adding, "Despite repeated warrants, she did not surrender." The Palar bomb blast took place in 1993, which was executed by Veerappan, targeting STF Chief K. Gopalakrishnan and his team.

The SP said that Mary joined Veerappan as the brigand kidnapped her and her brother in-law Sesharaj for looting his money and hiding it inside the forest. She hails from Maartalli village in Hanur taluk. In 1993, Male Mahadeshwara Hill Police booked her under TADA.

All these years, she was living on the forest fringes and she had been in the woods with Veerappan's gang for over 18 months. Her first husband was Veerappan's aide Sunda alias Velayan who fell in love with her and married her during the forest stay. Following Velayan's death, Stella married Veluswamy of Jageri Chennipuradoddi village, Kollegal taluk, and they cultivated sugarcane for a living, Police added.

Shivaswamy

It may be recalled here that in August 2017, the Ramapura Police in Chamarajanagar had arrested 52-year-old Shivaswamy alias Dumble Gundi, another Veerappan aide, who was an accused in attacking Ramapura Police Station on May 19, 1992, during which five Police personnel were killed. The gang had also looted fire arms from the Police Station. Even Shivaswamy was arrested after 25 years.

Veer Savarkar was not a freedom fighter, claims former CM

Mysuru, Feb.3 (MTY&DM)- Former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has courted controversy by saying that Veer Savarkar was not a freedom fighter.

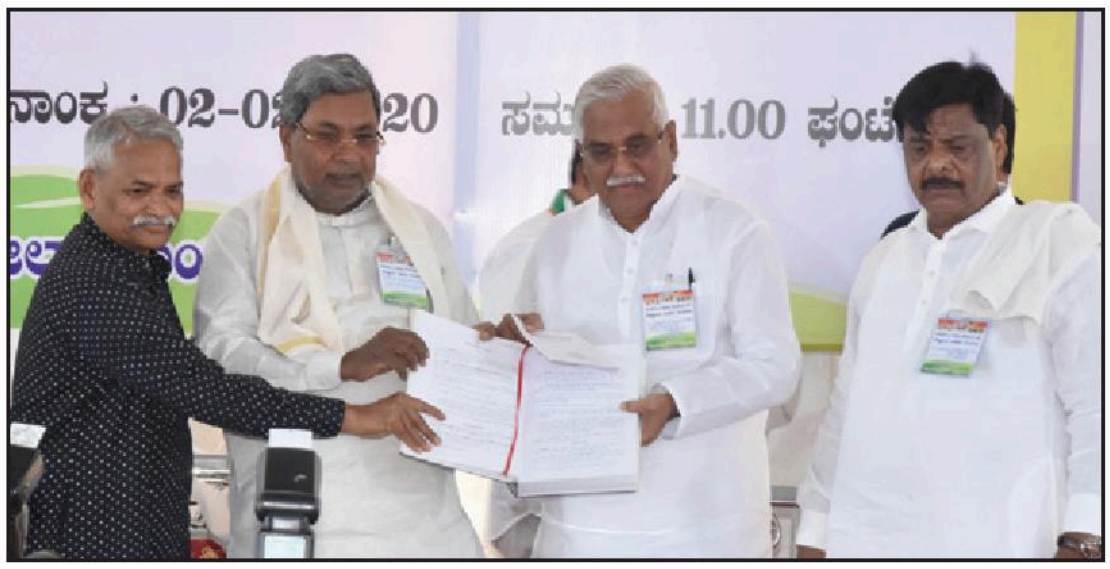
Veer Savarkar

Speaking at a seminar organised by the District Congress Committee on 'Unconstitutional and Discriminatory CAA, NRC, NPR' at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here yesterday, Siddharamaiah said that the British had jailed Veer Savarkar for protesting against the hanging of his friend and not because Savarkar had participated in the freedom movement.

Maintaining that Savarkar was released from jail after he gave a written undertaking that he would not fight the British anymore, the former CM said that after being released from jail, Damodar Savarkar was portrayed by the RSS as Veer Savarkar.

Stressing on the need for the people to realise what is true and what is not, especially at a time when vested interests were spreading lies, Siddharamaiah quoted Ambedkar to say that those who are ignorant of history cannot create history.

Flaying the BJP for introducing CAA, Siddharamaiah said that the Act cannot be implemented as there are over 70 petitions pending before the Supreme Court questioning the validity of the Act and the decision will be taken by the Supreme Court on the validity of CAA.



FROM LEFT: ***Former Advocate General Ravivarma Kumar, former CM Siddharamaiah, former SC Judge Justice V. Gopala Gowda and ex-Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa during the seminar on CAA, NRC and NPR organised by District Congress Committee at Congress Bhavan in city yesterday.***

Former SC Judge Justice V. Gopala Gowda who spoke after inaugurating the seminar, said that nobody has the right to change the basic principles of the Constitution. Asserting that no Government can interfere with the Constitution just because it has a brute majority in the Parliament, Justice Gowda maintained that the Citizenship laws — CAA, NRC, NPR were unconstitutional and against the basic principles of the constitution.

Arguing that the President's assent to the CAA too was unconstitutional, he took objection for leaving out minorities from CAA.

Former Advocate General Ravivarma Kumar who was the main speaker, likened the status of NRC to an orphaned child. Asserting that the Citizenship laws enacted by the Centre do not have constitutional backing, he claimed that there were many flaws in the Acts.

Maintaining the NPR was only introduced in 2003 but was never implemented, he claimed and said that the CAA will affect all communities.

He further said that protests were going on against the Law from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and the Government should listen to the people of the country. Accusing the BJP Government at the Centre of trying to throttle any opposition, he expressed concern that all democratic and constitutional bodies were being compromised.

Ex-Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa also spoke on the occasion. City Congress President R. Murthy, Rural Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former MPs R. Dhruvanarayan and Kagalawadi Shivanna, MLAs H.P. Manjunath, Puttarangashetty and Narendra, MLC R.Dharmasena, former MLAs Vasu, M.K. Somashekar, Kalale Keshavamurthy, M.R. Krishnamurthy, K. Venkatesh, S. Jayanna, Cheluvarayaswamy and Narendraswamy, KPCC Women's Wing President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, General Secretary Nagalakshmi and other leaders were present.

SOM **revisits Mysuru's own *'Chhapaak'* story**

'Acid attack ends a victim's life'

City Doctor, who survived an acid attack, prays for death penalty to perpetrators

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (LNY&BCT)- Sixty seconds are easy to be dismissed as inconsequential in the procession of minutes and hours. However, sometimes, everything changes in just 60 seconds. A few seconds are all it takes to splash acid on someone. Acid flung by a jilted lover or a jealous husband at a woman eats into her flesh in seconds, scarring her for life and the face becomes just a lump of flesh.

While Laxmi Agarwal, the acid attack victim from New Delhi, became the muse for Deepika Padukone's latest Bollywood flick '*Chhapaak*', there are many acid attack survivors who are silently continuing to serve the society, providing succour to marginalised despite being victims themselves.

Mysuru city has one such acid-attack victim who beat all odds of the brutal hate crime and today she is giving shape to her life's mission: To provide a healing touch to the poor and needy. She has an inherent desire to help acid attack survivors enabling them to lead independent and dignified lives. She is **Dr. Y.N. Mahalakshmi,** Administrative Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre (Karnataka State Health and Family Welfare Services), Old Agrahara in city.

Recalling the trauma, Dr. Mahalakshmi wants death penalty to acid attack perpetrators. "It is the end of life for acid attack victims as they are scarred for life. The perpetrator, who usually gets away after a jail term, has to be sentenced to death. That's my prayer to the Legislature, Executive, Judiciary and the Media," she says.

Acid attack survivor Dr. Y.N. Mahalakshmi.

A cruel society

Sharing her life's story with *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Mahalakshmi says, "Society is cruel and taunts even a normal skinned person, then who am I? Even women would taunt me and call me names. But the support from my parents gave me the courage to move ahead with the multiple surgeries I needed. While I was aware of the physical deformities caused by the acid attack, I could never imagine that the trauma would cripple me for life. That's why I want death penalty to acid attackers."

The traumatic incident

Dr. Mahalakshmi was attacked with acid on Jan. 11, 2001 by one Chikkabasavaiah, a property owner, after she complained to the Police against him. Chikkabasavaiah had rented out a part of his residential building at Industrial Suburb in Vidyaranyapuram to Dr. Mahalakshmi to run her clinic.

Chikkabasavaiah owned a wine store in Vidyaranyapuram and he made advances towards Dr. Mahalakshmi but the latter resisted his advances. She later closed down her clinic and opened a new clinic at B.M. Shree Nagar under Metagalli Police limits while she resided with her parents at Brindavan Extension. But there was no escape for her from Chikkabasavaiah as he began to visit her clinic here too.

Justice after 11 years

On the evening of Jan. 11, 2001, a spurned Chikkabasavaiah, who was waiting for an opportune time to strike at her, threw acid on Dr. Mahalakshmi when she was returning home after work from her B.M. Shree Nagar clinic. While the District Sessions Court acquitted Chikkabasavaiah on Jan. 1, 2005 for lack of evidence, the High Court, on Jan. 12, 2012, sentenced him to three years imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 20,000.

Dr. Mahalakshmi got justice after 11 years and pursued her case relentlessly though some of her sensory organs had ceased to function. Following many acid attack cases, the Supreme Court amended the laws with regard to acid attacks and fixed a minimum of 10 years rigorous jail term and also restricted the sale of acid with stringent measures. The punishment can go up to life imprisonment too.

25 corrective surgeries

Dr. Mahalakshmi sank into depression after the acid attack and she was aged 26 then. "I did not lose hope and courage to fight against injustice. I underwent over 25 corrective surgeries over the years," she says, almost 20 years after the attack.

"Society will not accept disfigured and disabled women and this is the most devastating form of social injustice. Victims are forced to stay within the four walls of their houses and many of them don't even look at mirrors. Though the Government rehabilitates acid attack victims with a monthly pension, free house and employment, the society must change its outlook towards acid attack victims," she feels.

Refused to be cowed down

Languishing under the mental and physical toll of the attack, Dr. Mahalakshmi says, "I refused to be enslaved by the injustice meted out to me and fought my case in the High Court. It was a long legal battle," she sighs. Now Dr. Mahalakshmi treats over 50 to 60 outpatients every day and leads an independent life.

"*Chhapaak* is a good movie and is inspiring. It gives a powerful social message, grit and courage and displays how victims face the society. Acceptance of acid attack victims is not easy in society. We do not need sympathy but we need social support to lead a dignified life," she says.

Continuing her noble profession of serving the needy, Dr. Mahalakshmi says that she has certain plans for acid attack victims and she was corresponding with Government to implement them.

Man stabs wife for mocking him through TikTok videos

Periyapatna, Feb. 3- A man stabbed his estranged wife with a knife for sending him mocking TikTok videos in Periyapatna late on Thursday. The injured woman is being treated at K.R. Hospital in Mysuru and her condition is said to be stable.

Srinivasa and Savitha got married a decade ago and the couple has two children. Four years back, she separated from her husband and is ever since staying in Mysuru while the children stay with their father in Periyapatna.

Srinivasa did menial jobs to eke out a living, Police said. According to Srinivasa, off late, Savitha is posting him TikTok videos by posing with a man which irked him. Enraged, he decided to take revenge on his wife and could not digest the fact that his wife had left him and his children, Police said.

Srinivasa invited her to their son's birthday at a hall in Periyapatna to which Savitha agreed. As soon as she arrived, Srinivasa, who was plotting the attack, pulled out a knife and stabbed her thrice before she collapsed on the ground. Savitha suffered injuries on her stomach and on her back. She was shifted to the K.R. Hospital while Srinivasa was taken into custody by Periyapatna Police.

Couple jailed for killing new-born in Nanjangud

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (SBD&KS)- The 7th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a woman to life imprisonment for killing her newborn baby and has also sentenced her lover to two years jail for throwing the baby's body into a ditch.

Those sentenced are Mangalagowri of Hediyala village in Nanjangud taluk and her lover Basavaraju of Gowdarahundi village.

It is learnt that Mangalagowri and Basavaraju were lovers. Mangalagowri then gave birth to a baby girl on May 8, 2017, out of wedlock.

Mangalagowri, after feeding the baby, banged the baby's head against the wall, gagged its mouth with a cloth and killed the baby brutally. She then wrapped the baby's dead body in a cloth and handed it over to her lover Basavaraju, who took the body and threw it into a ditch.

After the incident came to light, Hullahalli Police registered a case. Nanjangud Circle Inspector conducted investigation and submitted a charge-sheet to the Court.

Judge Saraswathi Kausundar found Mangalagowri guilty and sentenced her to life imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs. 5,000. The Judge also sentenced Basavaraju to two years imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 3,000 for disposing the dead body.

Public Prosecutor H. D. Anand argued on behalf of the Government.

Obituary

Zakira Begum

Mysuru, Feb. 3 - Zakira Begum

(64), wife of late K.R. Shariff and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away this morning at her residence.

A retired Second Division Assistant at the Irrigation Department in KRS, she leaves behind one daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road after Asar (5 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to family sources.

Mariyamma Kalasaiah

Mariyamma Kalasaiah (70), a resident of Sunnadakeri 5th cross, near Jain Bhavan, passed away yesterday at her residence.

She leaves behind four sons including Nanjangud Town Municipal Council former member and Madiwala community leader Natesh and retired engineer Nanjaiah, two daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon, according to family sources.

O.N. Lingaiah

O.N. Lingaiah (87), retired

Assistant Commissioner of Commercial Tax and a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva burial grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this morning.

Leadership Lessons FOR DAILY LIVING

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Finding the Leadership that India needs

Watching the young 17-year-old move menacingly with a drawn gun in his hands towards a hysterical mob would have made any sensible person see the crisis that is now evolving around the country. Whatever the explanation this young man gives himself and to the Police, it is no different from the raving of another doctoral student from one of India's prestigious educational institutions talking about breaking India apart and laying siege to the North-East part of the country.

Events spread over the last two months has exposed several challenges for India. A common thread amongst most of what we see on the streets or in our Parliament, in our street corner discussions or in some of our own living rooms is the message of distrust, lack of leadership and blind but evident polarisation. It almost feels like we are all living in spaces and times of constant distrust.

Talking to people, I realise that very few actually have an intellectual understanding of the issues on hand. Most seem to be swept away by the emotions of the moment. It is as though an entire generation of people have surrendered their collective intelligence on the altar of mistrust and imagined fears. Watching the television debates and the mindless and immature tweets of people on several sides of the spectrum, it is also evident that most people are looking at the symptoms and missing out the deeper disease itself.

On one side we are exposed to people who have succumbed to the temptation of their own grandiosity while on the other we see a class of people who constantly devalue both their own and the contributions of others around them in solving the problems. It is amidst this crisis of faith, trust and humaneness that we need to find meaning in all that we say and do.

We need to come to terms with the difficulty of being honest with oneself and not lose sight of what one doesn't know. People are living in a situation where one is unwilling to accept the fact that experiments can fail; a situation wherein one finds comfort in holding steadfastly to one's own views irrespective of whether it is based on logic or evidence and this is indicative of a society that is not led but immersed in misguided sentiments.

We are also operating in a strange situation; on one end we see technical expertise being viewed disdainfully while at the same time we seem to operate in a society that values specialisation. We find mass mobilisation happening everywhere but at the same time we find people lacking the courage to work with others. We are all shouting and screaming but very few of us are actually listening to what is being said.

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Each one seems to find inspiration and strength only from listening to one's own voice and unwilling to accept how several other meaningful voices are getting drowned out. It is as though one can only trust oneself or others who sound and act like us but anyone who sounds different or looks different needs to be outrightly condemned, rejected and not to be trusted at all.

The paradox is that human beings are basically designed and wired for trust. What we need today is the leadership that can drive the renewal of 'Trust'. We need the kind of leaders who look at honesty as a long-term strategy rather than using it as a short-term exhibitionistic opportunity to sell their narrative. We need people who are not only courageous to stand up to what they believe in but are equally open to listening to other views, however diametrically opposite they may be. We need such people to expose the dark side of the counterfeit leaders that are running society and the nation amok.

Leadership is not just exercising influence and power over others but realising the enormous power within oneself and being comfortable with the feeling of powerlessness too. What India needs are people who can go beyond being the centre of attraction and explore what needs to be done rather than merely seeking to bask in a couple of minutes of television glory. We need leaders who can capture meaning from the restless culture that we are seeing around us and forge a common understanding of the way ahead. Such leaders need to learn to operate in an intellectual frontier in an immature and emotional arena that is prevalent today. Leaders who can communicate rather than confuse is what society needs and only then will the process of understanding each other and healing begin.

What India needs is not just political leadership. It needs people from different domains — religious, academic, civil society, media, arts, industry and the common citizens — to go beyond the conditions that authority creates and learn to form bonds of trust amongst and with each other. We need them to be like a protective mother who holds on to her child with love and care, who provides guidance while at the same time corrects defects, who can enable and constrain simultaneously — doing all this keeping the best interests of the child in mind.

We need leaders who are willing to cross pollinate instead of constantly contaminate; people who are willing to embrace diverse perspectives, build new capacities and demonstrate a willingness to learn. We need such people to allow themselves to be vulnerable, to be humble and to appreciate that accepting one's mistakes is not the end of the road either for themselves or for the people that they are leading.

Leaders from these and other domains should have the 'ability to trust' while at the same time live a life where they can 'be trusted'. Such people who do not see the world only from the back of their own eyeballs are the ones that can now lead this nation. What India needs is visionary leadership that is pragmatic, compassionate while at the same time firm, humble but steadfast, vulnerable but consistent, free from the clutches of grandiose positioning but simple and grounded. We need people willing to communicate while at the same time staying open to intense listening; people who are willing to risk their reputations in being different and having the courage to 'trust' the other.

And when such people use their authority wisely without being authoritarian, change will begin to set in gradually. Only when we see such leadership emerging on all sides, will we see the gradual emergence of a relatively happy but a stable equilibrium. Only by persevering with love, compassion and trust, will society move towards undervaluing the negative and becoming open to going beyond tolerance to universal acceptance. Leadership should not only learn but also be willing to teach how to discover trust in a world getting used to distrust. This kind of leadership is both urgent and important. Only then can we go beyond the destructive noise and learn how to lead India out of this crisis instead of allowing ourselves to drown in the cesspool of our own making.

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'Sudharma' couple felicitated

Padma Shri ***awardees K.V. Sampath Kumar and Vidushi K.S. Jayalakshmi of 'Sudharma' Sanskrit daily, who were felicitated at a function organised by Parampare at Sarada Vilas Law College in city yesterday, are seen with K. Ramachandra, Prof. M.I. Lakshmitatachar, Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, Swami Yukteshanandaji Maharaj and others.***

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (SD)- City based editors of India's only Sanskrit daily, *'Sudharma'*, K.V. Sampath Kumar and his wife Vidushi K.S. Jayalakshmi, who have been selected for the distinguished *Padma Shri* award, were felicitated yesterday at a programme organised by Parampare at Sarada Vilas Law College, Krishnamurthypuram.

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala Chief Swami Yukteshanandaji Maharaj who presided over the event and felicitated the couple said, "The *Sudharma* couple have been selected for the country's most distinguished *Padma Shri* award. It is really a great honour to Sanskrit language and to journalism."

Speaking on the occasion, *Sudharma* editor K.V. Sampath Kumar said, "I had never applied for any award or public recognition. I dedicate this award to my late father who started this venture."

Sanskrit scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, Prof. M.I. Lakshmitatachar, Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions President B.S. Parthasarathy and others were present.

Merchants Co-operative Bank elections held

Mysuru, Feb.3 (YDS&DM)- The group, led by Kodandaram, bagged a majority of seats in the elections held to the Board of Directors of the Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank here on Sunday. Kodandaram's group bagged eight out of the eleven seats, while the group led by Kannan succeeded in winning three seats.

The election was held at Dharmaparayani Alamma Choultry in Shivarampet between 9 am and 4 pm, during which 3,085 out of the 3,719 voters cast their ballots.

Those elected as Directors from Kodandaram group are –N. Anand (1,813 votes), R.P. Krishnamurthy (1,104), B. Kodandaram (1,585), B.R. Nandish (1,429), A. Prabhuprasad (1,248), K. Premkumar(1,342), N. Sudha (1,812) and C.V. Somashekhar (1,638), while those elected from Kannan Group are- N. Kannan (1,271), M.N. Mahesh (1,228) and C.S. Gangambike(1,498).

There were 18 contestants in the fray including three women. K.S. Harishkumar was the Returning officer.

'Ranga Geethalahari' held in memory of renowned theatre artiste Subbaiah Naidu

Mysuru, Feb.3 (MK&US)- Rotary Mysore Brindavan, Rotary Mysore North and Rotary Mysore West, had jointly organised a programme, 'Ranga Geethalahari' in memory of renowned theatre artiste, Subbaiah Naidu, at Rotary West School in Saraswathipuram here yesterday.

Inaugurating the programme, Senior actor Girija Lokesh, who is also the daughter-in-law of Subbaiah Naidu, recalled that Subbaiah Naidu accidentally got an opportunity to enact a role in a play, who later carved a niche for himself in theatre and also emerged as a leading actor in movies.

She also said that Subbaiah Naidu entered movies 125 years ago which incidentally coincides with 125 years of Kannada cinema. She pointed out that actors do not receive any pension and added that supporting actors receive meagre remuneration.

She further said that despite several odds, Subbaiah Naidu emerged as a great artiste to be remembered eternally by art lovers. She opined that artistes should not be very choosy and added that opportunities will definitely come their way.

She commended Rotary Clubs for organising a programme in memory of Subbaiah Naidu.

Members of 'Natana' rendered theatre songs. Artistes Rajashekar Kadamba, Prakash R. Hanasoge, Ullas, Raju, mimicry Gopi and others were present.

MLA performs *Guddali puja* for development works

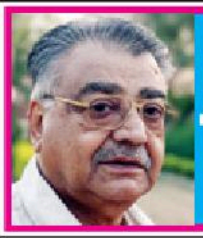
Mysuru, Feb.3 (PM&DM)- Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra performed '*Guddali puja*' (ground breaking ceremony) for two developmental works in his constituency on Sunday.

The developmental works included road development of a 350-mts stretch linking Kukkarahalli Lake with Hunsur Road taken up at a cost of Rs.20 lakh and construction of a hi-tech bus shelter opposite Sigma Hospital in Saraswathipuram, estimated to cost Rs.10 lakh.

Corporator Vedavathi, leaders Shivashankar, Ramesh, Shivanna, Somasekhar Raje Urs, MCC engineers K.R.Chandrasekhar and Gurusiddaiah and MCC Zone 4 Development Officer Sunil were present.

38th Awards Night held

Former Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 38th Awards Night at Al-Kabir School in city recently as *(standing from left)* ***Syed Aftab Ahmed, Professor Nabi Jaan, Bushra Begum, Secretary Reshma Samiulla and President B. Samiulla Khan look on. Picture right shows children and teachers during cultural programme on the occasion.***



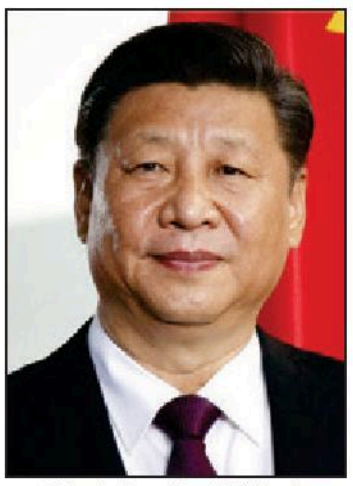
Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

The demon called Coronavirus

The demon will soon be defeated

The epidemic is a demon, and we cannot let this demon hide," says the Chinese President Xi Jinping at last on January 28, 2020, many days after the demon scourge started stalking the mainland China. Anyway, this time China seems more open about the 'demon' coronavirus than it was earlier in 2002 when it was faced with what was known as 'Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)' epidemic.



China's President Xi Jinping

The outbreak of coronavirus was first reported in December 2019 in Wuhan, a big city in central China. The Health officials identified the virus as being related to the virus that caused the SARS outbreak in 2002. It killed nearly 800 people before being brought under control. A tour plan of Rotary Mysore to Australia and New Zealand, where my wife and I were included, was cancelled as a result.

"World Health Organization (WHO) does not recommend evacuation of foreign nationals, and called on the international community to remain calm and not overreact. WHO is confident in China's epidemic prevention and control ability."

According to reports, in China, coronavirus sickened more than 500 people as on Jan. 22 and led to 17 deaths. It has now already crossed the China border and the world is worried. India no exception. Screening of passengers who travel from China is intensified, in many cases with infrared temperature scanners and portable thermometers.

Reports say every worker reporting for work at Seafood Market in Wuhan where the coronavirus originated is subjected to inspection by health officials. China was accused of 'hiding' the outbreak officially, apparently waiting for a 'nod' to be transparent till its leader Xi Jinping uttered the order. And he did, though belated, issuing a Jan. 20 directive to "put people's safety and health as the top priority and take effective measures to curb the spread of the virus." The Chinese officials are now on the job on a war-footing! That is good news.

Scare-mongering about such epidemics by the rumour-mills — media, quacks and even medical fraternity for obvious reasons — is common. I remember how, I think in 2009, the fear of H1N1 (Swine flu) gripped the people of Mysuru and neighbouring areas because of scare-mongering and people made a beeline before clinics and hospitals for taking preventive vaccinations or medical check-up and in few cases treatment. Many connected to health-care concerns made money.

Curiously coronavirus symptoms seem similar to H1N1 — "symptoms of H1N1 include upper respiratory tract infection, besides running nose, cold, cough, fever and headache." However, before-long, the situation turned normal. Thanks to our health-care people, specially from the government-side. Yes.

Be that as it may, the ray of hope, in the midst of surrounding scare-mongering by some, comes from the World Health Organisation (WHO). Its advisory said it is against evacuation of people and said, **"WHO does not recommend evacuation of foreign nationals, and called on the international community to remain calm and not overreact. WHO is confident in China's epidemic prevention and control ability."** What more assurance one needs to hope that the dreaded "demon" would soon be caged or driven away from China and the world wherever it has spread its tentacles.

DAWN OF HOPE FOR CURE: *According to today's report, a Chinese woman infected with the new coronavirus showed a dramatic improvement after she was treated with a cocktail of anti-virals used to treat flu and HIV, Thailand's Health Ministry said on Sunday.*

The patient, 71, tested negative for the virus 48 hours after she was administered the combination, doctor said and added, "The lab result of positive on the coronavirus turned negative in 48 hours."

The Health Ministry was awaiting research results to prove the findings.

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Sonia Gandhi admitted to hospital in Delhi

New Delhi, Feb. 3- Congress President Sonia Gandhi was admitted to a hospital in Delhi on Sunday. The 73-year-old leader is being treated for fever and breathing issues, according to reports from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi.

Her son Rahul Gandhi and daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were also at the hospital, reports said, adding the Congress chief was admitted to the hospital near central Delhi at 7 pm. The Congress chief has undergone some tests that require hospital admission.

According to sources, the hospital has said it is a routine check-up and the hospital is expected to release a medical bulletin on her health today evening. Sonia Gandhi has not been keeping well for the last two days and she did not attend the Budget presentation in Lok Sabha on Saturday.

Sonia Gandhi

Rishi Kapoor hospitalised in Delhi after relapse

New Delhi, Feb. 3- Rishi Kapoor had returned to India in September 2019 after almost a year of treatment in the US. Unfortunately, the veteran actor has been hospitalised again since he has suffered a relapse, according to media reports.

A report quoted a close family member who has said, "Chintuji was to attend a family function in Delhi when he suddenly had to be hospitalised. He was accompanied by his wife Neetu Kapoor. On hearing of his father's health issue, Rishi's son Ranbir also flew to Delhi." According to another report, Ranbir is accompanied by beau Alia Bhatt.

The news of his deteriorated health came soon after Rishi Kapoor and family were seen absent from Armaan Jain's mehndi Ceremony. Armaan is the son of Manoj Jain and Rima Jain, sister to Rishi, Randhir and Rajiv Kapoor.

Reports said that Ranbir and Alia were also supposed to perform at the ceremony but had to opt out due to the family emergency. Alia even wrapped up her work from the shoot of Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Gangubai Kathiawadi* to accompany Ranbir to Delhi.

Rishi Kapoor

Rishi Kapoor had recently returned to India after being successfully treated for cancer. After returning to India, he had said in an interview, "I had lost 26 kgs as I had no appetite for the first four months. Now, I've gained seven-eight kilos. I don't want to look too lean, but I haven't gone back to my original self either. Thank God for that."

Stone quarrying slows down construction industry

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"Even the ongoing Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway development project requires several lakh tonnes of M-Sand and gravel. There are hundreds of projects being taken up in the Old Mysore region, and they too need quarry material", he said.

The quarries near Baby Betta are the prime source of M-Sand and gravel for the construction industry in Mandya, Mysuru and Kodagu. Although there are a good number of quarries in Chamarajanagar and Ramanagara, major builders prefer M-Sand from the Srirangapatna and Pandavapura quarries, owing to their superior quality, a senior officer working with the Department of Mines and Geology said.

At present, M-Sand is being sold at quarries near Baby Hills for Rs. 950 to Rs. 1,100 a tonne. Now, the industry will have to procure the same from quarries in Kanakapura of Ramanagara district, Kunigal in Tumakuru district, or from elsewhere.

Coronavirus: Health Clinic opens at Mysore Airport

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (PM&SD)- As a precautionary measure for the prevention and control of Coronavirus, Airport Authority, in association with Health Department, has opened a counter at Mysore Airport premises in Mandakalli, which began functioning this morning.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, District Surveillance Officer Dr. Shivaprasad said, "We have opened a counter at Apollo Clinic located at the premises of Mysore Airport. On arrival of every flight here at the Airport, a team comprising a Health Officer and an assistant, who will be available at the counter, will examine passengers with symptoms. In case a person is suspected to have been infected with the Coronavirus, he or she will be shifted to a separate Ward for treatment. We are also distributing brochures and literature to educate people about the disease."

Following a Coronavirus case being reported in Kerala, the Mysuru District Administration and the Health Department are on high alert and have taken precautionary measures.

KSRTC introduces Non-Stop Buses to Taluk Headquarters

Sanitary Napkin-Vending Machine at Bus Stand

A woman demonstrating the working of the machine.

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (RK&DM)- Due to popular demand, the KSRTC has introduced Non-Stop Services to Taluk Headquarters of the district, starting from today.

Non-Stop Buses to Hunsur, K.R. Nagar, Periyapatna, Sargur, H.D. Kote and Kushalnagar will operate from the KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand, every half-an-hour from 6.30 am to 8.30 pm. The Non-Stop bus fare to Hunsur is Rs.50, Periyapatna Rs.70, Kushalnagar Rs.85, Sargur Rs.50, H.D. Kote Rs.50 and K.R. Nagar Rs.50.

Sanitary Napkin-Vending Machine at Bus Stand

Catering to the needs of women passengers, the KSRTC has installed an Automatic Sanitary Napkin-Vending Machine at the Ladies Toilet in the Sub-Urban Bus Stand premises.

The passengers can get a napkin by inserting a Rs.5 coin in the machine.

Divisional Traffic Officer C. Hemanth Kumar demonstrated the working of the machine to the public this morning.

The used napkins collected in bins, will be disposed off by burning at the Incinerator set up in the bus-stand.

Idol manufacturing unit gutted

Kollegal, Feb. 3 (Nagendra& KS)- A Ganapati idol manufacturing unit on CDS Community Hall Road in Basaveshwaranagar here has been gutted completely in an accidental fire last evening.

The unit belongs to Bangari Girivasa, son of K.K. Venkataramanaiah and the loss is estimated to be over Rs.10 lakh.

Last evening, Bangari Girivasa and his staff closed the unit and went home. But within a few minutes, the fire mishap took place which was noticed by a resident who immediately called the Police Station and the Fire Brigade.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel and Town Police Sub-Inspector Rajendra and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted a joint operation, managed to extinguish the fire which took more than an hour and prevented the fire from spreading further. The Fire personnel had evacuated people residing in neighbouring houses as a safety precaution.

As the Fire personnel brought out two air compressors and a LPG cylinder, a major disaster was averted. The residents pulled out to safety the Yariyuru Shankaradeva Chariot which was in the manufacturing unit.

The fire had destroyed drama sceneries, clay and cement idols, drama materials, moulds used for manufacturing idols, paint and other materials worth about Rs.10 lakh.

Dy.SP Naveen Kumar visited the spot and conducted inspection. Circle Inspector Srikanth, Sub-Inspector J. Rajendra, ASI Siddalingegowda, Somaradhya, Mallanna, Basavanna, Fire Station Officer Ramesh and staff Chennappa, Town Municipal Council Member Shankaranarayana Gupta, Ward 8 Councillor Kavitha and others were present.

Intense Lobbying for plum Cabinet berths

(Continued from page 1)

There are already two Ministers — Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi and Women and Child Development Minister Shashikala Jolle from Belagavi — in the Cabinet while Ramesh Jarkiholi too has been promised a ministerial berth. He also hails from Belagavi.

Sulking senior leaders

Umesh Katti, an eight-time MLA was among the prominent senior BJP legislators who was miffed and sulking after failing to make it in the first round of Cabinet expansion. R. Shankar, who has been promised a Cabinet berth by Yediyurappa through MLC route, met the Chief Minister with an intention to ascertain his chances, sources said.

Though there are speculations that some sitting BJP MLCs may be asked to step down to make way for those being considered for ministerial berths, there is no clarity on it so far, sources added. Several other BJP old guards like Arvind Limbavali, Angara, K.G. Bopaiah, Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, M.P. Renukacharya and S.A. Ramdas among others are keenly aspiring for ministerial berths.

C.P. Yogeeshwar causes rift

The seniors are upset with the reports that say C.P. Yogeeshwar who played a key role in the victory of K.C. Narayanagowda from K.R. Pet (the constituency that houses Yediyurappa's hometown Bookanakere) is being made a Minister. He is neither an MLA nor an MLC and is a frequent party-hopper. Making Yogeeshwar a Minister will be like ignoring seniors who have put in years of service to the BJP, said sources.

Yediyurappa's statement makes it clear that only the winners are likely to be accommodated as Ministers. Political analysts say that the CM's statement is not a surprise and the BJP has to keep its promise of making the 11 rebels who have won re-election as Ministers.

A couple more disgruntled senior loyalists may also be inducted. The two prominent losers might eventually be accommodated in other positions of power either as heads of some state public sector undertaking or amongst the various government boards, they say.

Farmers catch leopard cub in maize plantation

Hunsur, Feb. 3 (Raghu&KS)- Farmers have caught a leopard cub from a maize plantation at Mookanahalli in Hunsur last evening.

A group of farmers who were working in the maize plantation belonging to one Raviprasanna found the leopard cub and informed the villagers. They then caught the cub, tied it and informed the Forest Department officials.

Range Forest Officer (RFO) Sandith, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Rizwan Ahmed, Pyarejan and Satish, who rushed to the spot, took the leopard cub, aged about three months into their custody.

The villagers informed the Forest staff about the presence of more cubs in the plantation, following which the forest staff have placed a cage to trap them.

Meanwhile, the leopard cub, which was injured while being rescued is being treated at the Hunsur Forest Department Office and would be released into the forest after it recovers from the injuries.

Cook caught burgling former owner's house

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (MK&KS)- A cook was caught red handed while burgling his former owner's house at Saraswathipuram in the wee hours of yesterday.

The accused is 28-year-old Manju of Nanjangud. Manju, at about 2.30 am, gained entry into the house of Devnanand, his owner, by removing the roof tiles of the house and started searching for valuables in the almirah, when he was caught.

In his complaint to Saraswathipuram Police, Devanand has stated that his house had been burgled twice earlier. Saraswathipuram Police are investigating.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

By S.B.S.Surendran
Accredited Master Feng Shui Consultant

Auspicious Roofline

The rectangular roof styles and sloped roof designs represent wisdom, perseverance, determination, ability to communicate and passion for travelling. However, having them softly curved would be beneficial as it will enable the life energy to flow around house and into the home too.

Feng Shui is the ancient Chinese system of balancing our physical environment to promote harmony and a sense of well-being. From a home's natural surroundings down to its furnishings and decor, Feng Shui philosophy is based on the fact that everything is interconnected through energy, or 'Chi,' and how we arrange those objects can affect all aspects of our lives.

From the ancient times, the Chinese have attributed the well-being of families to the intangible forces that surround their homes which is referred to as 'Feng Shui,' literally translated as "wind and water" and this is said to have a direct bearing on the success and happiness of families.

Good Feng Shui design requires the family home to be built and arranged according to favourable orientations, so that the home and its residents benefit from the positive energies of the environment. These energies are invisible and intangible, but they exert powerful influences.

When you are 'in the flow' and the energy of your home is healthy, you will attract positive life experiences such as good health and fortune. However, when the 'Chi' is stagnant, obstacles arise causing illness, relationship conflicts and even financial difficulties. Fortunately, Feng Shui can foresee many of these obstacles and mitigate or eliminate their negative effects before they happen.

Feng Shui addresses almost the entire spectrum of human aspiration. The practice operates at various levels. It can be highly personalised when practiced according to specific compass school formulas, or it can be broad-based and generalised.

Feng Shui design is not just confined to interiors but even the exterior and facade have a strong influence on the quality of energy in and around a building. The exterior decor, roofline and the door are quite important. House roof design style is an important element of good Feng Shui home design. In Feng Shui, it is said that a right roof style aids in attracting wealth and good luck.

The roofing style and colours should be attractive to Feng Shui house exterior design. Roof design should be solid and made of the best materials. Although the ideal roof designs to Feng Shui homes are round shapes roofs from aesthetics and design point of view, it may not be possible to adhere to this shape in all buildings. The round roof styles represent continuity and have no beginning or end. The round roof styles and curvy details add softness to architectural designs and symbolise infinity. Hence, having such design with matching decor on facade can enhance the buildings positivity.

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Pagoda roof design has soft curves and round edges that promote the energy flow and Feng Shui for wealth whereas a symmetrical sloped roof design or gable roof designs enhance good luck and happiness.

Ensuring a good roof design is one other approach in creating a harmonious and prosperous home .

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Desiraju Memorial Music Programme on Feb.7

Vidu. Vasudha Keshav

Vidu. Adithi

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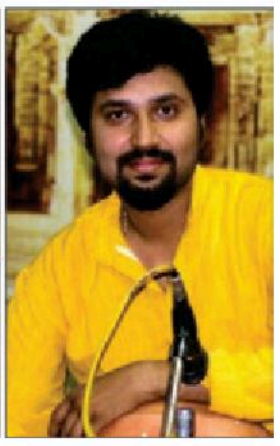
Vid. Sharath Koushik

Mysuru, Feb. 3- As part of Desiraju memorial music programme, Ganabharathi is organising a Karnatak vocal concert by Vidu. Vasudha Keshav on Feb. 7 at Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, in Kuvempunagar in city at 6 pm.

She will be accompanied by Vidu. Adithi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata.

PROFILES

Vidu. Vasudha Keshav: Being born into a music family, Vidu. Vasudha Keshav is a disciple of Vidu. H.S. Mahalakshmi who belongs to the Parampara of Tiger Varadacharya. She is presently learning under Gurkula system from *Padma Bhushan, Sangeetha Kalaacharya* P.S. Narayanaswamy.

An A-graded artiste, she has performed in Madras Music Academy and various Sabhas across India and abroad. She has got many CDs to her credit and has got expertise in lecture-demonstrations and thematic concerts.

Vidu. Adithi Krishnaprakash: An A-graded artiste, Vidu. Adithi is the disciple of Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy and has accompanied many senior musicians.

Vid. B.C. Manjunath: A much sought-after artiste in India and abroad, Vid. Manjunath is a disciple of Vid. B.K. Chandramouli, Vid. Krishnamurthy and Vid. T.K. Murthy.

Vid. Sharath Koushik: He is a disciple of Vid. V.S. Ramesh and Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar and is a promising young artiste.

Kaladhare State-level cultural contest in city on Feb. 8, 9

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (RKB&US)- Commemorating the 20th anniversary of Master-n-Blaster Dance Group, Kaladhare Cultural Trust has organised a State-level Cultural Competition titled 'Kaladhare... Haaku Hejje Haaku' on Feb. 8 and 9 at Kalamandira here.

Disclosing this at a press meet yesterday, Trust Founder-President and Dance Director Chamaraj Kaladhare said that the event would feature dance music, mono-acting, painting, fancy dress and fashion show.

The competitions will be held from 10 am to 10 pm on Feb. 8 and from 10 am to 4 pm on Feb. 9 in three categories — Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior; the winners will be given prizes, he said.

In synchronisation with bhava

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Under the aegis of Raaga Music Academy, Mysuru, **Malladi Brothers, Sriramprasad and Ravikumar,** presented a concert on the 18th of January at Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana with **Nishanth Chandran** on violin, **Tumkur Ravishankar** on mridanga and **Sunad Anoor** on kanjira.

Synchronised voices, good planning and energetic presentation marked the concert. Ravi did most of the singing as Sriramprasad was down with a throat infection.

Beginning the concert with a rare varna in Asaveri, the brothers chose to sing Mysore Vasudevacharya's 'Girija Ramana' in Gambheera Nata and 'Naa Morala' by Sri Tyagaraja in Devagandhari, which were a rich delineation.

'Shruta Jana' on Lord Dhanvantari was relevant as the concert was organised by an Ayurvedic Centre.

'Sarasija Nabha Sodari' in Nagagandhari by Muthuswami Dikshitar was commandingly elaborated, which was followed by the main attraction of the evening Shankarabharana.

Ravikumar packed bright brigas and succinct phrases into the alapana. Nishanth Chander's version was equally enjoyable. Tyagaraja's majestic composition 'Swara Raga Sudha' set to Vilamba Adi was presented with all majesty, bringing soulful swaras for the pallavi. Including all the charanas in this composition was appreciative.

Ravishankar's mridanga was soothing and his taniyavartanam with Sunad Anoor on kanjira was grand and drew appreciation from the audience.

In the post-tani part, a Purandara Dasa Devaranama in Behag, an Annamacharya composition in Revati - 'Aakati Velala' and a Devi Bhajan 'Jaya Jaya Durge' in Durga were included.

The brothers concluded the concert with the Kamas tillana.

State Wrestling trials at Sports Pavilion

Mysuru, Feb. 3- The Karnataka Wrestling Association will be conducting the State selection trials at the University Gymnasium Hall, Sports Pavilion, Mysuru, on Feb.9.

The trails are to pick the players from the State for the 39th Boys Freestyle, Greco Roman and Women Junior National Wrestling Championship to be held at Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, from Mar. 4 to 6. For details, contact Vinod Kumar on Mob: 89713-88143.

Mysuru Master athletes for National Meet

Mysuru, Feb.3- The following Master athletes from Mysuru district have been selected to represent Karnataka in the 40th National Masters Athletic Meet 2020 to be held at Imphal, Manipur, from Feb. 9 to 14.

The athletes are M. Yogendra, Dr. Suryavamshi, Mahadeviah, N. Mohan Rao, S. Manjunath, H.M. Chandrashekar, Vijaya Shankar and Suresh Kumar.

City golfers to take part in PGTI Golconda Masters' Championship

I.L. Aalaap

Prafful Chand

Mysuru, Feb. 3- Upcoming golfers from Mysuru I.L. Aalaap and Praffulchand (JWGC), will be taking part in the season opener Rs.40 lakh prize-money Golconda Masters Golf Championship 2020, powered by Telangana Tourism at Hyderabad Golf Club Course in Hyderabad from Feb.5 to 8.

The top players taking part in the Championship are Rashid Khan, Khalin Joshi, Shamim Khan, Udhayan Mane and Honey Baisoya.

Australian Open

Djokovic beats Thiem to clinch 8th title

Melbourne, Feb. 3- Novak Djokovic battled through intense pressure from Dominic Thiem to reassert his dominance at the Australian Open Sunday, claiming a record eighth title and returning to world number one in the process.

The indomitable Serb stretched his unbeaten streak this season to 13 by rallying from two sets to one down and beating the courageous fifth-seeded Austrian 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in a near four-hour ordeal. It was his 17th Grand Slam title, moving him within two of Rafael Nadal and three of Roger Federer on the all-time list.

Victory put him alongside his fellow legends as only the third man in history to win eight or more titles at the same Slam after Nadal (12 at the French Open) and Federer (eight at Wimbledon).

India scripts history, registers first T20I series sweep against New Zealand

Mount Maunganui, Feb. 3- India scripted history as they defeated New Zealand by seven runs in the fifth and final Twenty20 International (T20I) at the Bay Oval here on Sunday.

With the win, India completed their first-ever T20I series sweep over New Zealand, handing the hosts their first whitewash in the shortest format (three or more matches in the series). This also happens to be the first time that a team has completed a whitewash in a bilateral five-match T20I series.

Chasing 164 for the win, New Zealand were cruising at 116 for three at one stage but they threw the match away yet again from a strong position. Jasprit Bumrah was exceptional during his spell of four overs as he picked up three wickets and gave away just 12 runs.

Earlier, India captain Rohit Sharma had won the toss and opted to bat as the visitors decided to rest their regular captain Virat Kohli for the final T20I.

India got off to a poor start, losing the wicket of Sanju Samson in the second over.

Rohit Sharma, who came in to bat at number three, then stitched together a 88-run stand for the second wicket.

K.L. Rahul missed out on his 12th T20I fifty by just five runs as he was dismissed by Hamish Bennett for 45.

Rohit smashed his 21st half-century but then retired hurt as he felt some discomfort in his calf in the 17th over.

Shreyas Iyer then chipped in with a crucial contribution of 33 and Manish Pandey's 11 off four balls helped India to a challenging total of 163 for three from their allotted 20 overs.

Scott Kuggeleijn was the pick of the bowlers for New Zealand who finished his four spell with figures of two for 25.

In reply, New Zealand lost both their openers inside the first three overs as Jasprit Bumrah and Washington Sundar started well for the visitors.

Tim Seifert scored his third T20I fifty but was dismissed off the very next delivery he faced from Navdeep Saini. Seifert chipped the ball straight into the hands of Sanju Samson, stationed at short mid-wicket.

Ross Taylor kept New Zealand's fight going with a fighting half-century but Navdeep Saini got rid of him in the 18th over as he edged one to K.L. Rahul behind the stumps.

Both the teams will now lock horns in the three-match One-Day International (ODI) series, starting Wednesday.

Bumrah breaks World Record

Jasprit Bumrah found his line and length back after two below-average outings with the ball against New Zealand in the recently concluded Twenty20 International (T20I) series on Sunday.

Bumrah became the first bowler in T20I cricket to bowl seven maiden overs, going past Sri Lanka's Nuwan Kulasekara who had bowled six overs without conceding a run during his 58-match long career. Jasprit Bumrah broke the world record in his impressive spell of three for 12 from four overs at the Bay Oval as India completed a historic whitewash over New Zealand.

For his impressive outing with the ball, Bumrah was adjudged 'Player of the Match.'

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MUDA Park in Srirampura 2nd Stage needs to be cleaned

This is the plight of the MUDA Park behind Bhramarambha Choultry at LIC Layout in Srirampura 2nd Stage. Residents who go to this park for their morning and evening walks fear reptiles hiding in heaps of dry leaves left uncleared at the park. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the park cleaned at the earliest.

Place near Jain Temple in Halladakeri turns into a public urinal

The place near Jain Temple at Halladakeri has turned into a place for public to answer nature's call resulting in unbearable stench and posing a health hazard for the residents living nearby. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to solve the problem at the earliest.

Plea to asphalt approach road to VVWW at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage

This is the current status of the approach road to the office of Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) at Vijayanagar 2nd stage. Hundreds of people commute on this road, making it almost impossible to ride their two-wheelers without losing balance due to the gravel. The public have urged the authorities to take steps to asphalt this road before any fatal accident takes place, but the request seems to have gone unheard.

Inculcate leadership qualities in students, says Educationist

RIE former faculty Dr. N.N. Prahallada seen with the participants of the Refresher course in English organised at Human Resource Development Centre, University of Mysore.

Mysuru, Feb.3 - "Apart from transacting the given curriculum, the modern teachers have to inculcate appropriate leadership qualities in students at all levels of educational ladder," said Dr. N.N. Prahallada, former Faculty, Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru while delivering a talk at Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), University of Mysore, here recently.

He was interacting with a group of participants of the Refresher course in English on the theme "Leadership among College teachers."

Dr. Prahallada said teachers with good leadership qualities can bring vibrant changes in the entire gamut of students' life resulting in them contributing for the betterment of the society.

"Qualities like integrity, commitment, strong communication skills, courage, teamwork, work ethics, risk-taking, positive attitude, problem-solving abilities, quality of future vision, and responsibility, if inculcated among students will go a long way in improving the tone and tenor of the country," opined Dr. Prahallada.

Dr. Vanamala, Faculty, Department of English, University of Mysore, was the programme coordinator.

Lecture on "Communication skills for effective teaching" held

Mysuru, Feb. 3 - "Communication is a process of interaction of ideas between the communicator and receiver to arrive at a common understanding for mutual benefit," said Dr. N.N. Prahallada, former Faculty, Regional Institute of Education (RIE), NCERT, Mysuru.

He was delivering a special lecture on "Communication skills for effective teaching," to the B.Ed students of B.G.S College of Education, at an event held at the college auditorium recently.

"The learner's intelligence, age, motivation, attitudes, concentration, interest, and perception of the teacher are important factors in the process of communication in the classroom. Language is the vehicle of thought and therefore language must be used in an appropriate way to communicate effectively. Thus the communication of the teacher is the sine-qua-non of good teaching," he said.

B.G.S. College Principal Dr. Nagaraj welcomed and Faculty Dr. Sharmisht proposed a vote of thanks at the event.

Traffic awareness programmes in rural areas

Mysuru, Feb. 3 - The Mysuru City Police Traffic Wardens' Organisation team, led by Deputy Chief Traffic Warden C.M. Subramanian, recently conducted traffic awareness programmes at Badagalapura near Jayapura and Hulimavu in Nanjangud taluk as part of the NSS camps, arranged by Mahajana Degree College and SDM College for Women, Mysuru.

The dangers posed while riding two-wheelers without helmets, driving cars without wearing seat belts, two-wheelers, driving without licence and insurance, triple riding on two-wheelers, drunken driving etc., were shown via power-point presentations and actual footages from many such accidents.

The educative programme was meant not only for the youths but also for all the rural folk who often violate and fall prey to such road accidents, sometimes leading in fatalities.

The Wardens also spoke about the importance of the golden hour at an accident spot, where one should help the injured and immediately rush him to the nearest hospital, thereby helping the victim's chances of survival.

The audience were also informed about emergency numbers 108 and 100 to be contacted in case of such incidents.

Traffic Wardens Dr. Vijayendra, Nagesh and K.V. Ramanath were present.

Hejje Gejje: 'Kannada Ratna' award conferred on actor Rishab Shetty

Mysuru, Feb.3 (YDS&US)- As part of the 24th State-level Dance Competition 'Hejje-Gejje,' Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters had organised a programme at Jaganmohan Palace here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, film Director Sudhakar Saja recalled that Mysore Maharajas used to promote art and added that Jaganmohan Palace has been a popular platform for young artistes to exhibit their talents. He commended Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters in churning out good dancers, many of whom have excelled in India and abroad.

On the occasion, 'Kannada Ratna' award was conferred on popular Actor, Producer and Director Rishab Shetty.

Expressing his appreciation for Mysuru, Rishab Shetty regretted that people in general show negligence towards Kannada schools and appealed parents to provide elementary education for their children in their mother tongue at least till 5th or 7th standard.

Prizes were distributed to winners of the dance competition and over 175 artistes presented dance-drama 'Sri Krishna.'

Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters Managing Director and renowned dancer Vid. Sridhar Jain of 'Apthamitra' fame, Central Warehousing Corporation Director Dr. G. Ravi, Chirantana Academy of Performing Arts Founder Deepa N. Rao and others were present during the programme.

Mudukuthore Brahma Rathotsava tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 3- All preparations have been made for Brahma Rathotsava to be held at Sri Brahmaramba Mallikarjunaswamy Temple in Mudukuthore near Talakad in T. Narasipura taluk here tomorrow (Feb. 4), said Temple Executive Officer Rajashekhara Murthy, stating that many calendars were misleading the public by publishing wrong date of Brahma Rathotsava.

As part of Brahma Rathotsava tomorrow, various rituals will be performed including Rudrabhisheka, which will begin at 5 am followed by Shivayaga Homa, Mantapotsava of Shiva and Parvati idols and later, Utsava Murthy will be brought to Talubetta. Brahma Rathotsava will begin at 1 pm.

As part of the Mudukuthore Jathra Mahotsava, a slew of pujas and rituals began on Jan. 28 at Mudukuthore, which is known for its five Shiva temples in Talakad region. Yesterday, Vrishabharohanotsava was held according to the temple tradition. Today (Feb. 3), Gajarohana will be held.

Tomorrow, on Feb. 4, Brahma Rathotsava will take place followed by Chitraratha Shayanotsava on Feb. 5, Thirthannotsava and Pallakkiutsava on Feb. 6, Teppotsava on Feb. 7, Mari Teppotsava on Feb. 8, Kailasa Vahanotsava on Feb. 9, Mantapotsava on Feb. 10, Giri Pradakshina on Feb. 11, Parvata Parishe (Basavana Maale) on Feb.12 and on the last day of festival, on Feb.13, Mahabhisheka along with Shettara Seve will be held, said Temple Chief Priest Ananda Dikshit.

Golden chariot for Chamundi Temple: Minister to look into proposal

Mysuru, Feb. 3 (SBD&BCT)- Muzrai Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary yesterday said that he would examine the proposal for Rs.7.60 crore to build a gold chariot for Goddess Chamundeshwari, the presiding deity of Chamundi Hill, in Mysuru.

"I will hold discussions with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and examine the detailed report," he said. The Golden Chariot will be built on the lines of the one *(Suvarna Ratha)* at Sringeri Sharada Temple.

The Minister said that donations received by temples will be used only for temple development and related works and not for any other purpose. He said he was not aware of the practice that prevailed earlier but ever since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has come to power in the State, a decision was taken not to divert funds and donations received by temples.

He also said that mass marriages will be conducted across 100 select Muzrai temples in the State from April 26. The last date for registration is March 27 and officials have been directed to launch a publicity campaign so as to elicit good response. The Government will spend Rs. 55,000 per couple and this includes Rs. 40,000 for gold, Rs. 10,000 for the bride and Rs. 5,000 for the groom, he said.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Diligent

Pronunciation: DIL-uh-junt.
Meaning: Characterised by steady, earnest and energetic effort : painstaking.
Origin: You're more likely to be diligent about something if you love doing it. The etymology of diligent reflects the fact that affection can lead to energetic effort. The word, which entered English in the 14th century by way of Anglo-French, descends from the Latin verb diligere, meaning "to value or esteem highly" or "to love." The Latin diligere was formed by adding the di- prefix (from dis-, "apart") to the verb legere, an ancestor of the English legend, meaning "to gather, select" or "to read." Of course, you don't need to care for the task at hand in order to be diligent, but it certainly does help!
Example: After many hours of diligent research, the students were ready to compile their results.

THE ODD WORD

Dancetté

Deeply indented.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth

Meaning: It means that when you receive a gift, do not be ungrateful.
Origin: Unfortunately, the origin of this proverb is unknown. However, it sounds like there was a time where, after receiving a horse as a gift, people would literally look into the horse's mouth. This was considered a rude thing to do. But why? And while we're at it, why would someone want to look into the mouth of a horse? The reason is because a horse's age can be determined by inspecting its teeth. Basically, the longer the teeth, the older the horse. Thus, looking a gift horse in the mouth could be considered rude because the person is essentially examining the horse to see if it measures up to their standards. The implication is that they are checking its teeth to see if the horse is too old.
Again, while we can mostly just speculate about its origin, it seems this ungrateful behaviour was common enough that this proverb developed from it. This old saying now applies to anyone who acts ungrateful after receiving a gift.
Anyways, this proverb goes back to at least the 16th century. For example, John Heywood used it in a book of his called *A dialogue conteinyng the nomber in effect of all the prouerbes in the englishe tongue,* 1546: "Where gifts be given freely—east, west, north or south—No man ought to look a given horse in the mouth."

QUOTE BOX

It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horse races. **—Mark Twain**

RIDDLE THIS

What English word has three consecutive double letters?

Answer :Bookkeeper.

SUDOKU

	6				7		9	
		8	9				1	
			5			2	8	
3					9			6
	1						2	
7			8					4
	8	7			2			
	5				6	9		
	3		1				6	

Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	6	4	5	3	9	8	1
4	9	5	8	7	1	3	2	6
3	8	1	2	6	9	5	7	4
7	3	2	1	4	8	6	5	9
9	1	8	6	3	5	7	4	2
6	5	4	7	9	2	8	1	3
8	4	7	9	1	6	2	3	5
1	6	3	5	2	7	4	9	8
5	2	9	3	8	4	1	6	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Fuel Sys. Controller
4 Inter Cont. Ballistic Missile
8 Parineeta hero
12 Untruth, fib
13 Antitoxins
14 __ En Lai: Mao's Prime Minister?
15 Hans Christian ____ : Danish writer of fairy tales?
17 Called
18 Greek letter
19 "Road" anagram for a girl's name?
21 Roman bronze - "sea" change?
23 Dad in shock with a raincoat
27 Iffy sched. letters
30 Twin brother of Kush
32 A piece of protective clothing
33 Operatic lady
35 Middle, as a combined form
37 Tropical fruit
38 Crustaceans
40 Take legal action
42 Maui garland
43 The trunks of a human body?
45 Brother, in short
47 Stylish and smart
49 Some exams
53 One as a prefix; not a stereo
56 One___ ___ deserves another? (4,4)
58 Another name for Eire
59 Elias ___ : inventor of the sewing machine?
60 French king
61 "Retired" in short?
62 Sledge
63 Actual Navigation Performance

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	P	E	C		A	B	E	L		E	N	T
C	A	T	O		D	E	L	I		D	Y	E
O	R	A	L		I	D	E	E	F	I	X	E
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			I	V	O	R	Y		O	Y	E	Z
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E	P	I		T	E	M	P	O		N	A	S
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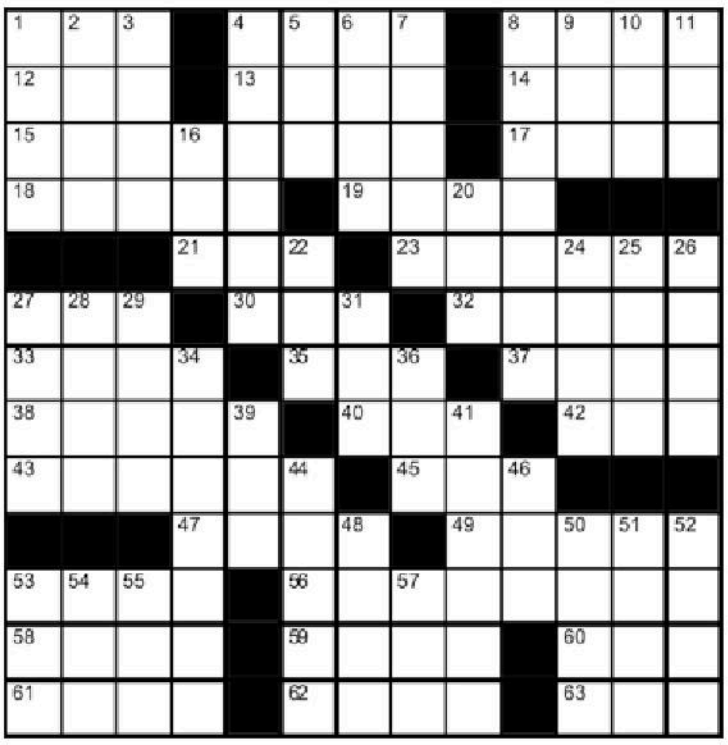
S	P	A		D	O	S	A		U	N	C	O
A	L	L		E	S	P	N		P	A	T	E

DOWN
1 Apartment
2 Hyperbolic trigonometric function
3 Yield or resign
4 Jewish state
5 Christian Evidence Soc.
6 Ill - ___ : badly brought up?
7 Bollywood's __ Bajpai
8 Fragmentary
9 Puzzle solver's cry
10 Electrically charged atom
11 Stale air
16 Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
20 Regional Airline Assoc.
22 A quantity of money
24 Russian sea
25 It wasn't built in a day, we're told?
26 American National Standards Inst.
27 Intuitive perception of right thing to do or say?
28 Pen brand
29 Hebrew month
31 ___ a ___ , in light of
34 Escape
36 Invest with nickname
39 Fifth note of the scale
41 Decayed or ate away
44 Breathes deeply
46 Table scrap
48 Not hot and not cold
50 An invisible or subtle emanation
51 Author Hubbard (1,3)
52 Cut with shears
53 "Sea", in French
54 Metal bearing earth
55 Louse egg
57 In debt



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KFD QTJC ZPLD KFMTV EOQPK JPGB MZ

KFEK MK XMJJ GFETVD.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: History is the short trudge from Adam to atom.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Dinga	Lakshmi	2443584	1 Show
Love Mocktail	Lakshmi	2443584	3 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Kaanadante Maayavadanu	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
India Vs England	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Sri Bharatha Baahubali	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Avane Srimannarayana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
HINDI			
Jawaani Jaaneman	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Manchali Padosan	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Bad Boys for Life	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Aswathama	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Dagaalty	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
----	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

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Street Dancer (3D-H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 1.15 pm
Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Bad Boys for Life (E)	(S-1)	7.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am, 10 pm
Aswathama (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Jawaani Jaaneman (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Naadodigal-2 (Ta)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Dagaalty (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Kaanadante Maayavadanu (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Dinga (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Jojo Rabbit (E)	(S-3)	4 pm, 9.55 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
1917 (E)	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-4)	6.55 pm

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Jawaani Jaaneman (H)	(S-2)	10.25 am, 4.10 pm
	(S-4)	12.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Street Dancer (3D-H)	(S-1)	6.45 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (3D-H)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Bad Boys for Life (E)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 4 pm, 9.40 pm
Jojo Rabbit (E)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 5.08 pm
Dagaalty (Ta)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
Naadodigal-2 (Ta)	(S-1)	9.50 pm
Namo (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Dinga (K)	(S-4)	7.35 pm
Nigarva (K)	(S-1)	9.55 am
Love Mocktail (K)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Ramana Savari (K)	(S-4)	2.53 pm
Kaanadante Maayavadanu (K)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Nagashaurya's Aswathama (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm

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Jojo Rabbit (E)	9.30 am, 1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Bad Boys for Life (E)	10.15 am, 4.45 pm, 10 pm
Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (H)	10.20 am, 6.45 pm
Jawaani Jaaneman (H)	10.40 am, 4.05 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Wild Karnataka (E)	12.00 noon
Aswathama (Te)	1.15 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	1.20 pm
Street Dancer 3 (H-3D)	4.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Kaanadante Maayavadanu (K)	4.15 pm
Dinga (K)	7.00 pm
Love Mocktail (K)	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Actor Shine Shetty bags Bigg Boss Kannada 7 title

Kuri Prathap emerges first runner-up while Vasuki Vaibhav second runner-up

Bengaluru, Feb. 3- The curtains for the seventh season of Bigg Boss Kannada came down on Sunday with the host Kiccha Sudeep announcing the Shine Shetty as the winner of show. Kuri Prathap of 'Maja Talkies' fame emerged as the first runner-up, while music director Vasuki Vaibhav ended at the third place.

For the first time, the winner of the Bigg Boss Kannada has won a car, apart from a trophy and prize amount. In addition to Rs.50 lakh, the winner is getting Rs.11 lakh from sponsors. So, the title holder is getting Rs.61 lakh in total. The first runner-up has walked away with Rs.6 lakh. The second runner-up has received Rs.1 lakh.

The grand finale was aired on two days, packed with lots of performances.

The show had the participation of 20 contestants like Gurulingaswamy, Ravi Belagere, Chaitra Vasudevan, Duniya Rashmi, Kuri Prathap, Jai Jagadish, Sujatha Satyanarayan, RJ Prithvi, Vasuki Vaibhav, Rakha Somashekhar, Shine Shetty, Deepika Das, Raju Thalikote, Chaitra Kottur, Chandana Ananthakrishna, Kishan Bilagali, Chandan Achar, Priyanka Shivanna, Harish Raj and Bhoomi Shetty.

From 20 contestants, it came to five contestants — Deepika Das, Vasuki Vaibhav, Shine Shetty, Bhoomi Shetty and Kuri Prathap. Two contestants like Deepika and Bhoomi were evicted from Bigg Boss Kannada 7 in the episode aired on Saturday, Feb. 1.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 3)

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: 33rd anniversary celebrations, Flute recital by C.S. Keshavachandra, accompanied by M. Keshava on violin, Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and C.N. Ajay on ghata, **6 pm;** Vocal Duet by C.N. Sharvaani and C.N. Satyalakshmi, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **7.15 pm.**

Elder Citizen's Council, Jayalakshmipuram: Talk on 'Benefits for senior citizens in new Budget' by Mahesh, Council premises, Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Kala Sandesha Prathishtana and Swaraashraya Gaana Sabha: Kalabhivardhana-2020, conferring of 'Anarghya

Kalaposhaka' award on art patrons K.V. Murthy and T.R. Harish, Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji chief guest, danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy presides, **5.30 pm;** Concert by **violin trio Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, his son H.N. Bhaskar and granddaughter Prithvi Bhaskar**, Vid. G.S. Ramanujam - mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh - ghata, Nadabrahma Sabha, JLB Road, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 4)

Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology: Walkathon titled 'Hope-A-Thon,' Mayor Tasneem and Bank Note Paper Mill India Private Limited (BNPMIPL) Managing Director K.G. Vishwanathan guests, Directors Bhagya Ajaikumar and Anjali Ajaikumar, Medical Superintendent and Chief Radiation Oncologist Dr. M.S. Vishveshwara and Chief Operating Officer Nirmala Krishnamurthy, Exhibition Grounds, **7 am onwards.**

JSS Mysore Urban Haat: Gandhi Shilp Bazaar - Exhibition-cum-Sale of Handicrafts, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: 33rd anniversary celebrations,

Vocal Concert by Vidu. L. Archana, accompanied by Vid. Venkatesh Josyar on violin and Vid. Vishnuvardhan on mridanga, Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetarama Mandira, Narayana Shastry Road, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**

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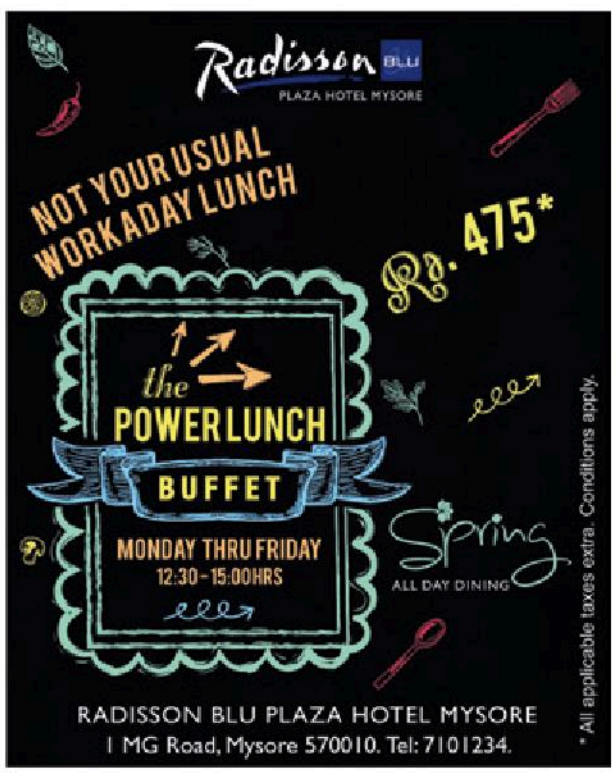

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